

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 BELGRA 06203 211037Z

15

ACTION IO-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 SS-15 AID-05 DEAE-00 CIAE-00

INR-07 JUSE-00 NSAE-00 SNM-02 TRSE-00 USIA-15 NSC-05

OES-05 OMB-01 L-03 HEW-06 AGR-10 DODE-00 EB-07 SCA-01

PA-02 PRS-01 NEA-10 /118 W

----- 107082

R 210930Z NOV 75

FM AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4836

INFO AMEMBASSY VIENNA

AMCONSUL ZAGREB

UNCLAS BELGRADE 6203

DEPARTMENT FOR THE SECRETARY

VIENNA FOR DEA

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: SNAR YO

SUBJ: DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE TO WHITE PAPER ON DRUG ABUSE

REF: STATE 253482

1. I WISH TO ASSURE YOU THAT THIS EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE HIGHEST PRIORITY TO US EFFORTS TO COMBAT INTERNATIONAL TRAFFICKING IN NARCOTICS AND EVILS RESULTING THEREFROM.

2. CURRENTLY, AND TRADITIONALLY, GOY HAS PARTICIPATED ACTIVELY IN INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS ORGANIZATIONS AND HAS COOPERATED EXTENSIVELY WITH US ON BILATERAL BASIS TO CONTROL SPREAD AND USE OF ILLICIT DRUGS. I AM CONVINCED THAT YUGOSLAVS WILL CONTINUE TO WORK DILIGENTLY TO MAINTAIN CONTROL OF SMALL INTERNAL DRUG PROBLEM WHILE REMAINING COMMITTED TO INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS COOPERATIVE EFFORTS.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 BELGRA 06203 211037Z

3. SINCE DOMESTIC MORPHINE PRODUCTION WAS BROUGHT

UNDER STRICT FEDERAL CONTROL WHICH VIRTUALLY INSURES AGAINST LEAKAGE OF CROP INTO ILLICIT CHANNELS, YUGOSLAVIA'S PLACE IN INTERNATIONAL DRUG TRAFFICKING PROBLEM HAS REMAINED THAT OF TRANSIT COUNTRY OF INTERNATIONAL SMUGGLING OPERATIONS. WITH THE CLOSING DOWN OF TURKEY AS A MAJOR MIDDLE EAST SUPPLIER OF ILLEGAL HEROIN, HASHISH HAS BECOME THE MAIN NARCOTIC CONTRABAND WHICH IS SMUGGLED THROUGH YUGOSLAVIA DESTINED PRIMARILY TO WESTERN EUROPEAN MARKETS.

4. WHILE THIS SMUGGLING ROUTE IS AT PRESENT A RELATIVELY INNOCUOUS ELEMENT IN THE US DRUG PROBLEM, IT COULD BECOME A SERIOUS THREAT TO OUR EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN CONTROL OVER THE ENTRY OF ILLICIT MIDDLE EASTERN HEROIN IF SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITIES OF MORPHINE-BASE OR HEROIN FROM NEW TURKISH POPPY CROPS WERE DIVERTED INTO ILLICIT CHANNELS. IF, GOD FORBID, THIS SHOULD COME TO PASS, THE USG MIGHT CONSIDER OFFERING THE GOY ASSISTANCE IN IMPROVING ENFORCEMENT AGAINST NARCOTICS SMUGGLING, PARTICULARLY AT THE CRUCIAL DIMITROV-GRAD CROSSING POINT ON THE BULGARIAN BORDER WHERE MOST OF THE NARCOTICS CROSS INTO YUGOSLAVIA. BASED ON CAUTIOUS SOUNDINGS WE HAVE ALREADY MADE HERE, THIS CAN ONLY BE DONE AT SOME RISK OF INJURY TO YUGOSLAV PRIDE SO I EMPHASIZE THAT THIS COURSE SHOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED IF A SERIOUS SITUATION MILITATES FOR IT.

5. FAILING THE REVIVAL OF A SERIOUS MIDDLE EASTERN HEROIN THREAT TO THE DOMESTIC US DRUG SCENE, I RECOMMEND THAT WE CONTINUE THE SUCCESSFUL AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL BILATERAL COOPERATION WE ALREADY HAVE WITH YUGOSLAVIA IN THE FIELD OF NARCOTICS.
SILBERMAN

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: DRUG CONTROL, DRUG TRAFFIC, PROGRAMS (PROJECTS)
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 21 NOV 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975BELGRA06203
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750406-0182
From: BELGRADE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19751122/aaaaasyr.tel
Line Count: 93
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION IO
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 STATE 253482
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: izenbei0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 23 JUN 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <23 JUN 2003 by chicheje>; APPROVED <27 FEB 2004 by izenbei0>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE TO WHITE PAPER ON DRUG ABUSE
TAGS: SNAR, YO, US
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006